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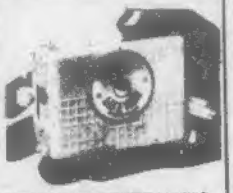

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"GUNS OF THE WILD NORTH!"

FOR A WANTED OUTLAW, THERE IS LITTLE REST, NO SAFETY, AND A BRIEF FUTURE! BUT HE CANNOT SURRENDER! HE CANNOT FORFEIT HIS FREEDOM---FOR, TO HIM *FREEDOM IS LIFE ITSELF!* AND SO, HE FLEES FROM THE LAW, THE POSSE, AND THE BOUNTY HUNTER---PLAYING OUT A HOPELESS HAND TO ITS GRIM CONCLUSION!

I FIGURED I'D BE SAFE HERE IN THE NORTH COUNTRY, BUT I WAS WRONG! NO MATTER HOW *FAR* I RUN, I CAN'T OUTDISTANCE THE PRICE ON MY HEAD!
THE KID'S HOSS IS *FASTER'N* OURS!
BUT *OUR* MOUNTS ARE *FRESH!* HE'LL SLOW DOWN BEFORE WE DO!
AND WHEN HE DOES, WE'VE *GOT* 'IM!
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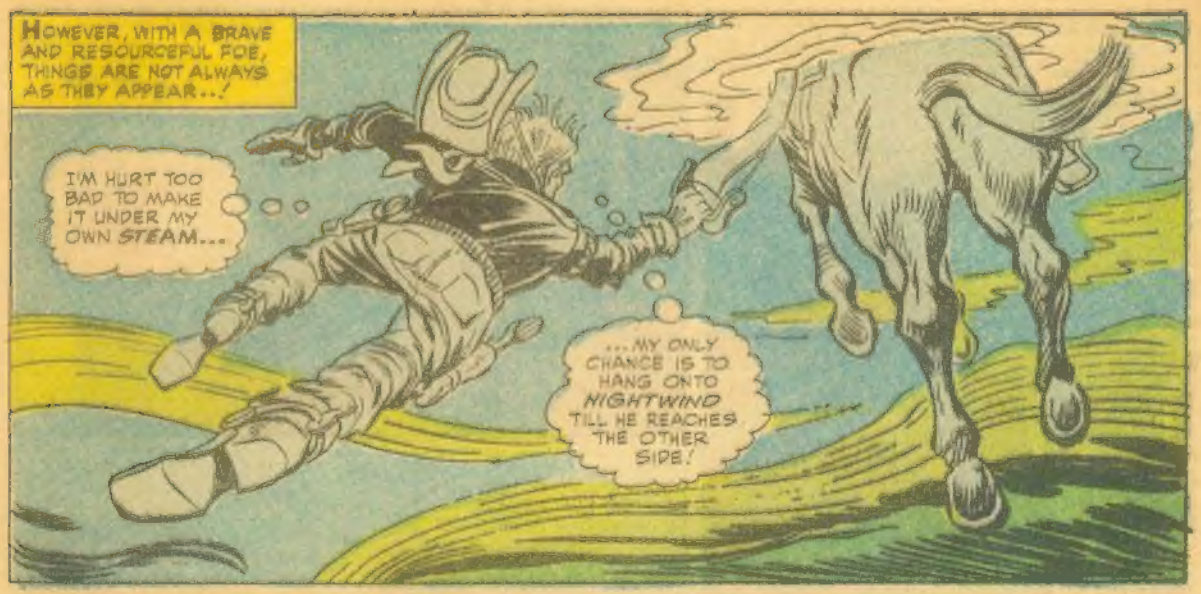
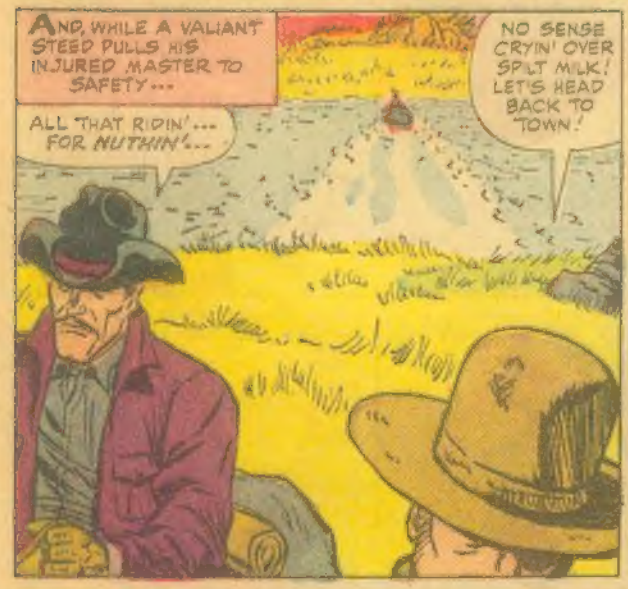
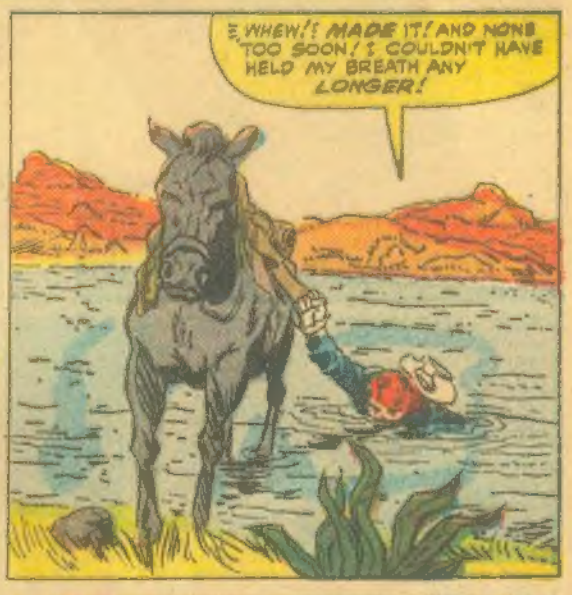
UH, OH--HE'S HEADIN' FOR THE RIVER! IF HE CROSSES IT, HE'LL BE IN CANADA!
OUR WARRANT ON HIM AIN'T WORTH BEANS OUTSIDE THE STATES!
WE HAFTA STOP HIM HERE AND NOW!
HURRY, RAFE! DROP HIM BEFORE HE GETS ACROSS!
QUIT JAWIN'! I'M TRYIN' TO GET A BEAD ON 'IM!
IF I TURNED AND FOUGHT THOSE JASPERS, I COULD PROBABLY OUT-GUN 'EM ALL!
BUT THEY HAVE THE LAW ON THEIR SIDE, AND I'VE NEVER DRAWN AGAINST THAT!
BUT AN OUTLAW'S SCRUPLES ARE NOT APPRECIATED BY THOSE WHO HUNT FOR BOUNTY!
SPANNNG!
UHHH..!
YUH GOT 'IM! GOOD WORK!
THROW 'IM A ROPE! LET'S PULL 'IM OUT!
HEY! HE AIN'T SURFACING!
I--I DON'T SAVVY! I WAS SURE I ONLY WINGED 'IM!
WINGED HIM, MUH FOOT! YUH FOOL-- YUH KILLED 'IM!
NOW THE RAWHIDE KID IS AT THE BOTTOM OF THE DRINK, AND WE'RE OUT A REE-WARD!


HOWEVER, WITH A BRAVE AND RESOURCEFUL FOE, THINGS ARE NOT ALWAYS AS THEY APPEAR...!
I'M HURT TOO BAD TO MAKE IT UNDER MY OWN STEAM...
...MY ONLY CHANCE IS TO HANG ONTO NIGHTWIND TILL HE REACHES THE OTHER SIDE!


AND, WHILE A VALIANT STEED PULLS HIS INJURED MASTER TO SAFETY...
ALL THAT RIDIN'... FOR NUTHIN'...
NO SENSE CRYIN' OVER SPILT MILK! LET'S HEAD BACK TO TOWN!


WHEW!! MADE IT! AND NONE TOO SOON! I COULDN'T HAVE HELD MY BREATH ANY LONGER!

I'M SAFE... BUT EXHAUSTED! I--I CAN'T GO ON! MUST REST--REST--

AND, AS AN EXHAUSTED KID SEEKS THE SANCTUARY OF SLUMBER, LET US TURN OUR ATTENTION NORTH TO THE LUMBER COUNTRY!
I'M ALMOST THROUGH THE BLAMED TREE!
BUT SUDDENLY, DISASTER STRIKES AS TOO MUCH TENSION SNAPS A TOO-OLD SUPPORT ROPE!
THEN, THE INCREDIBLE HAPPENS! FOR, INSTEAD OF THE LUMBERMAN PLUMMETING TO HIS DOOM...
--HE USES THE TREE AS A SPRINGBOARD FOR AN ACROBATIC MANEUVER!
ALWAYS SOME KIND OF TROUBLE!..
BUT A FEW MID-AIR SOMERSAULTS..
SHOULD SLOW MY FALL ENOUGH...
...FOR ME TO GRAB A LOW BRANCH...
...AND DROP SAFELY TO MOTHER EARTH!

YOU OKAY, DIRK?
'COURSE HE IS... THANKS TO HIS FANCY FOOTWORK!
SUCH GRACE! SUCH AGILITY! HE HAS ZEE TALENT OF ZEE ACROBAT, NO?
GOOD THING, OR I'D BE PUSHIN' UP POSIES NOW!
WE HAD OUR FUN FER THE DAY! LET'S GIT BACK TO WORK!
BACK UP ZEE TREE, EH, MY FRIEND?
NAW, I'M THROUGH RISKIN' MY NECK FER PEANUTS! I GOT PLANS ...BIG PLANS! SO LONG, SAPS!
MOMENTS LATER, IN HIS CABIN, JOE CLANTON REMOVES FROM A TRUNK A STRANGE COSTUME!
FER MONTHS NOW, I BEEN LOOKIN' FOR AN EXCUSE TO QUIT THIS ROTTEN JOB...AN' THAT ACCIDENT FILLS THE BILL REAL GOOD!
THIS COUNTRY'S JUST FULL OF EASY MONEY, WAITIN' FER SOMEONE TO GRAB IT!
AN' I'M THAT SOME-ONE!
THERE AIN'T A LAWMAN WITHIN FIFTY MILES OF THIS SETTLEMENT! AN' WITH MY TALENT FER ACROBATICS, NO LUMBERJACK IS GONNA STOP ME!
SOON AS I PUT ON THESE FANCY DUDS, NO ONE'LL RECOGNIZE ME! THEY WON'T KNOW WHO I AM ...ONCE I PUT ON THIS DISGUISE!
AS OF RIGHT NOW, JOE CLANTON IS DEAD... AN' THE ACROBAT IS BORN!
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LOOKS LIKE A MAN COULD GET A MEAL AND SOME SHUTEYE DOWN THERE... MAYBE EVEN AN HONEST JOB!
I'M NOT WANTED IN CANADA; IT'LL BE A RELIEF TO BED DOWN WITHOUT A POSSE SNIFFIN' AT MY TRACKS.

AS THE LUMBERJACKS WATCH SUSPICIOUSLY, THE KID RIDES INTO CAMP SLOWLY, EASILY... BUT THE TIME-ETCHED LOOK OF A GUNFIGHTER IS NOT EASILY CONCEALED!
THAT JASPER COMIN' DOWN THE HILL WEARS HIS HARDWARE LIKE HE KNOWS HOW TO USE IT! THAT SPELLS TROUBLE!
IT SURE DOES! I'M GONNA GIT MY RIFLE!

I'M LOOKIN' FOR WORK, MISTER! CAN YOU USE AN EXTRA MAN?
TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I DON'T LIKE YOUR LOOKS! BUT I'M MIGHTY SHORT-HANDED RIGHT NOW, SO I'M GONNA TAKE A CHANCE ON YOU! REPORT TO THE FOREMAN'S SHACK!
YOU WON'T BE SORRY, MISTER!
NO..BUT YOU'LL BE, IF YOU START TROUBLE!

THOUGH STILL TIRED FROM HIS NARROW BRUSH WITH THE LAW, THE KID WORKS LIKE A MULE THROUGHOUT THE LONG AFTERNOON..DETERMINED TO MAKE A NEW LIFE FOR HIMSELF!
DON'T IT GIT UNCOMFORTABLE SAWIN' WITH ALL THAT IRON ON YOUR BELT?
NO, I'D FEEL NAKED WITHOUT IT!
I'D LIKE TO HANG UP MY GUNBELT... FOREVER! BUT I DON'T DARE... NOT YET, ANYWAY!

AND, THAT NIGHT, THE KID SLEEPS IN A REAL BED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MONTHS!
IT'S ALMOST MORE THAN A MAN CAN BELIEVE, BEIN' ABLE TO LIE DOWN WITHOUT A GUN IN MY FIST!
COULD IT BE THAT I'M FREE OF MY PAST, AFTER ALL THESE YEARS?

EARLY THE NEXT MORNING, WHILE THE LUMBERMEN SLEEP, A SINISTER FIGURE MAKES PREPARATIONS IN THE WOODS AT THE EDGE OF THE CAMP...
I FIGURE THE SAFE IN THE CAMP IS FULL OF A NICE, FAT PAYROLL!
SOON AS I GET INTO MY ACROBAT OUTFIT, I'LL BE READY TO RELIEVE 'EM OF IT!

BUT THE ACROBAT FAILS TO RECKON WITH THE [illegible] SENSES OF THE HUNTED!
I CAN HEAR SOMEONE MOVING AROUND OUTSIDE! HE'S STEPPIN' SLOWLY--CAREFULLY--AS THO HE DOESN'T WANT TO BE DISCOVERED!
THERE HE IS--AND WEARING A RIGHT FANCY GET-UP! HE MUST THINK IT'S HALLOWEEN!
THEN AGAIN, HE MAY BE UP TO SOMETHIN' A MITE MORE SERIOUS THAN TRICK OR TREAT
A [illegible] GUNPOWDER IS ALL IT'LL TAKE TO [illegible] THIS [illegible]
NO SENSE GOIN' BACK TO BED NOW! I'M TOO CURIOUS TO SLEEP! I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT WHAT THAT COSTUMED [illegible] IS UP TO
SOUNDS LIKE I'VE GOT MY ANSWER! HE'S ROBBING THE COMPANY'S PAYROLL!
BUT, BACK IN THE BUNKHOUSE, WHEN [illegible] ASLEEP REACH A DIFFERENT [illegible] ONCLUSION
THAT NOISE--IT SOUNDED LIKE AN EXPLOSION! I THINK WE SHOULD CHECK IT OUT?
NAW! IT'S PROBABLY JUST SOME OF THE CREW LETTIN' OFF STEAM! G'WAN BACK TO SLEEP! WE GOT A TOUGH DAY AHEAD
AND WHEN THE [illegible] AGAIN [illegible]
A LOT [illegible] WORKED HARD FOR THAT MONEY, FRIEND--NCLUDING ME! YOU'D BEST PUT IT BACK IN THE SAFE!
LIFE, SONNY! WHAT THE ACROBAT TAKES, HE DON'T GIVE BACK!

BUT, AS THE KID SWINGS, THE ACROBAT MOVES IN A BLUR OF SPEED---
..FASTER THAN THAT..
...IF YOU FIGURE ON HITTING THE ACROBAT!
NOTHING BUT AIR ON MY FIST
I CAN'T USE MY GUN UNLESS HE DRAWS FIRST... AND HE DOESN'T SEEM ABOUT TO!
C'MON, LITTLE FELLA, DON'T GIVE UP SO SOON!
I'M PLUMB TERRIFIED...
HE'S SLICK AS AN EEL! I'LL JUST HAVE TO BE A MITE SLICKER!
I'LL FAKE A RIGHT-HAND PUNCH,
UNGH!
YOU DON'T EXPECT ME TO FALL FOR THAT OLD TRICK DO YOU?
THUD!
IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR YOU TO TAKE A LITTLE NAP!
8.

OUR LITTLE FRACAS MIGHT HAVE AWAKENED THE OTHERS I'D BETTER GET OUT OF HERE BEFORE I HAVE MORE COMPANY!
I CAN'T
HE'S HEAD'N' TOWARD THE RIVER... PROBABLY HAS A BOAT WAITIN'!
THAT RED-HEAD MUST
YOU!
YOU SEEM TO BE HAVING... SOME TROUBLE DECIDING...

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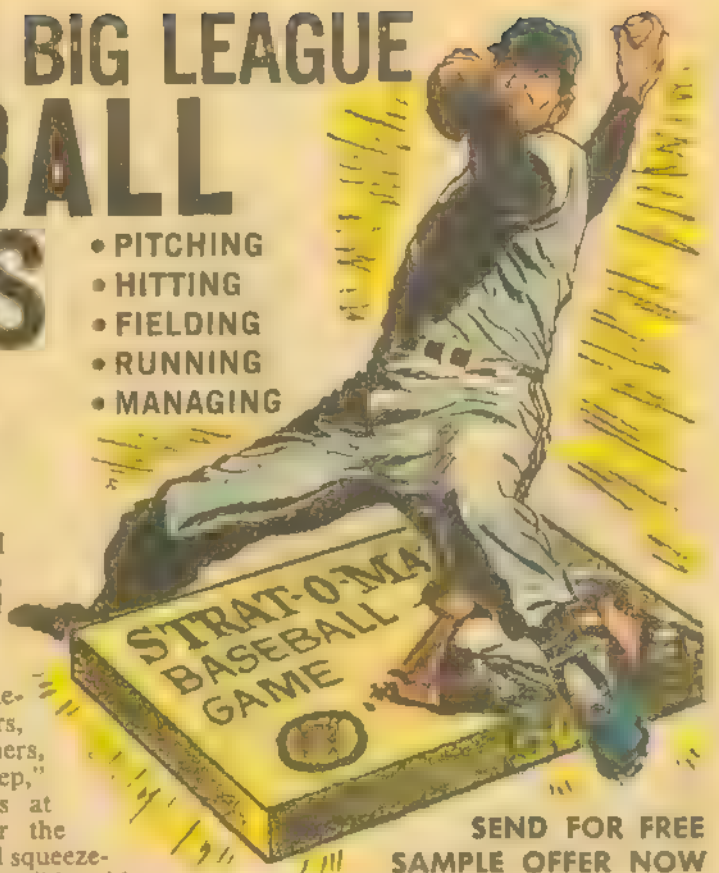

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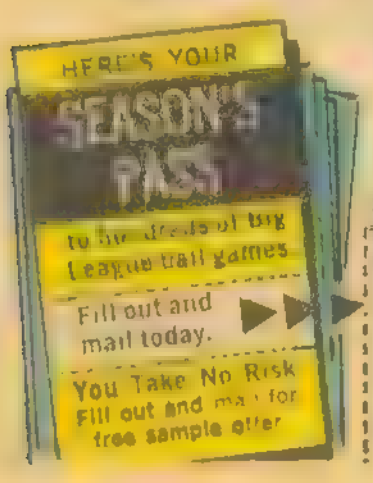
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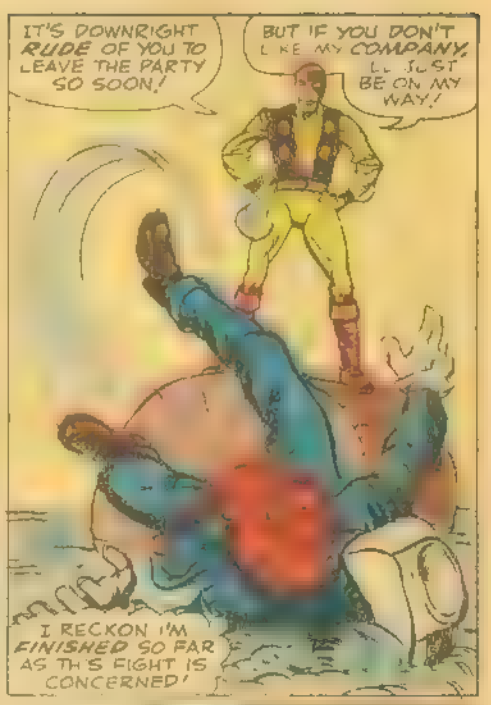
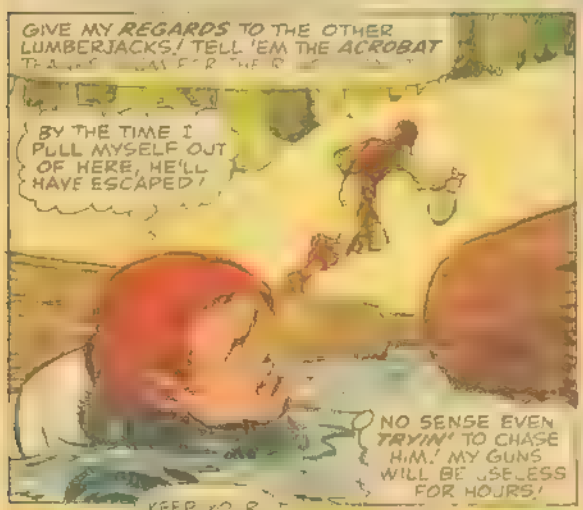
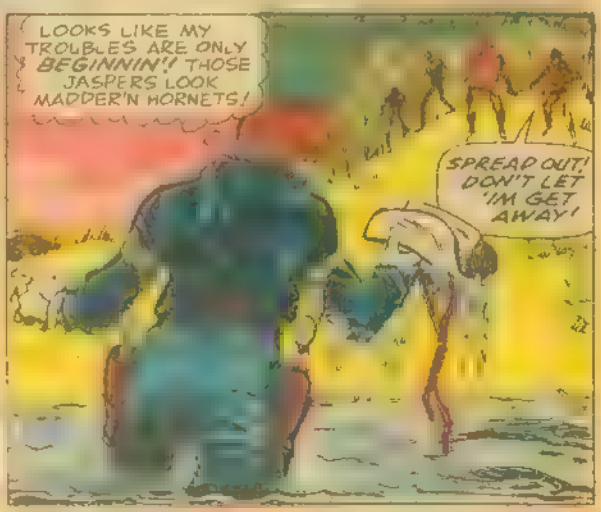
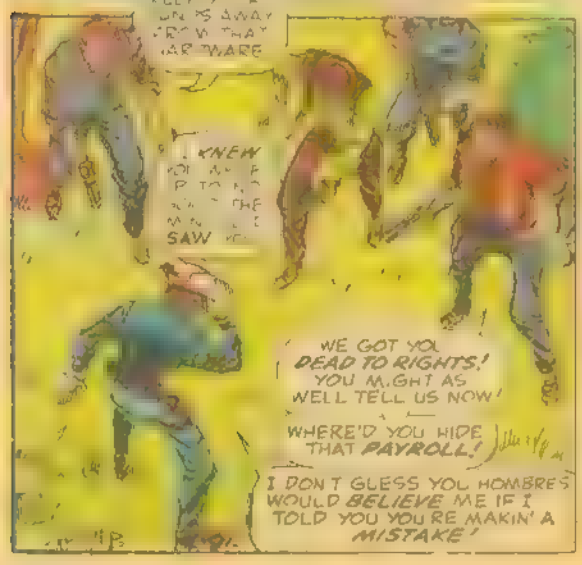
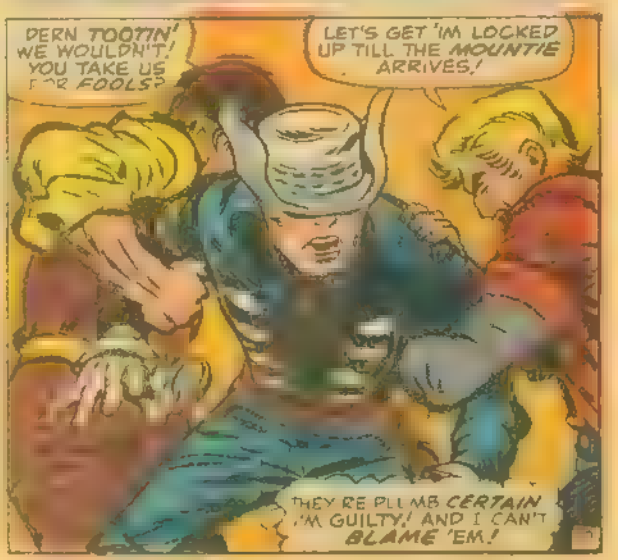

IT'S DOWNRIGHT RUDE OF YOU TO LEAVE THE PARTY SO SOON!
BUT IF YOU DON'T [illegible] MY COMPANY, [illegible] JUST BE ON MY WAY!
I RECKON I'M FINISHED SO FAR AS THIS FIGHT IS CONCERNED!


GIVE MY REGARDS TO THE OTHER LUMBERJACKS! TELL 'EM THE ACROBAT [illegible]
BY THE TIME I PULL MYSELF OUT OF HERE, HE'LL HAVE ESCAPED!
NO SENSE EVEN TRYIN' TO CHASE HIM! MY GUNS WILL BE USELESS FOR HOURS!


LOOKS LIKE MY TROUBLES ARE ONLY BEGINNIN'! THOSE JASPERS LOOK MADDER'N HORNETS!
SPREAD OUT! DON'T LET 'IM GET AWAY!

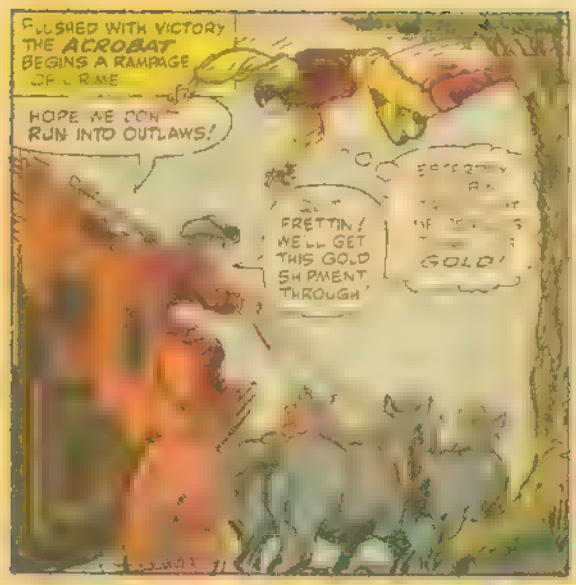

KEEP YOUR [illegible] AWAY FROM THAT [illegible]
I KNEW [illegible] SAW
WE GOT YOU DEAD TO RIGHTS! YOU MIGHT AS WELL TELL US NOW!
WHERE'D YOU HIDE THAT PAYROLL!
I DON'T GUESS YOU HOMBRES WOULD BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD YOU YOU'RE MAKIN' A MISTAKE!

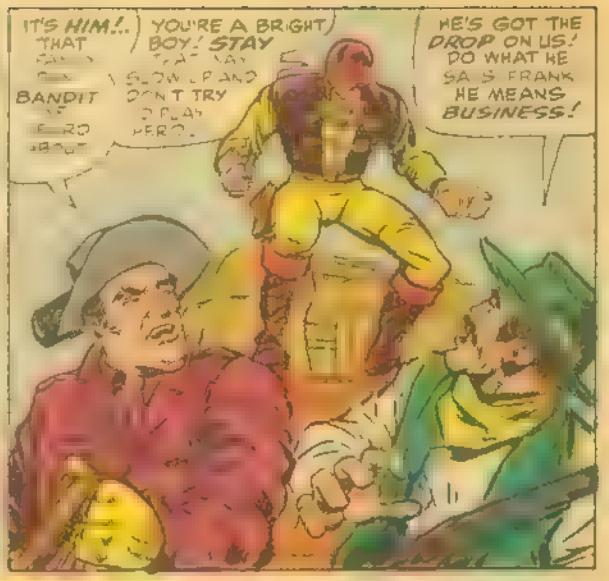

DERN TOOTIN'! WE WOULDN'T! YOU TAKE US FOR FOOLS?
LET'S GET 'IM LOCKED UP TILL THE MOUNTIE ARRIVES!
THEY'RE PLUMB CERTAIN 'M GUILTY! AND I CAN'T BLAME 'EM!

SIX DISMAL HOURS
ON YOUR FEET! SERGEANT JONAH'S HERE TO TAKE YOU TO DAWSON!
SESSION WITH JUDGE AMES, THIS FELLA WILL BE HAPPY TO TELL US
LOOKIN' FORWARD
HE'S A TRICKY ONE, SERGEANT! DON'T LET 'M PULL ANYTHING!
A FEW MILES AWAY FROM THE LUMBER CAMP... HE CONCEIVES A DESPERATE PLAN...
IF I'M GONNA MAKE A MOVE, IT'S GOT TO BE NOW!
I'M TAIPA! THE ACROBAT'LL GET AWAY CLEAN, AND PAY FOR HIS CRIME
THAT ARROWHEAD MIGHT BE MY LAST CHANCE!
GOT TO MAKE THIS LOOK GOOD--!
SERGEANT. HELP! I LOST MY
I'LL GIVE YOU A HAND BUT IF YOU TRY ANYTHING, YOU'LL REGRET IT!
AIN'T MUCH I COULD DO WITH MY HANDS TIED, SERGEANT!
ANOTHER INCH AND I'LL HAVE IT!
CONCEALING THE SHARP FLINT IN HIS PALM THE KID IS HELPED BACK INTO THE SADDLE BY THE UNSUSPECTING MOUNTIE
MUCH OBLIGED ERGEANT JONAH!
DON'T LET IT HAPPEN AGAIN, FELLA! WE HAVE TO REACH DAWSON BEFORE DARK!
SLOWLY, PAINFULLY, THE KID SEVERS THE TOUGH FIBRE STRAND BY STRAND...UNTIL
THERE! I'M FINALLY THRU IT! IT'S NOW OR NEVER!
LET'S MOVE, NIGHTWIND!
IF I CAN GET TO THOSE BOULDERS BEFORE HE DRAWS A BEAD, HE WON'T HAVE A CLEAR SHOT AT ME!
DON'T DO IT, KID... YOU'LL NEVER MAKE IT!

HIS MOUNT IS THE FASTEST ANIMAL I'VE EVER SEEN!
I CAN'T HIT HIM WITH A REVOLVER AT THIS RANGE!
THERE'S NO POINT IN WASTI ANY MORE
TEMPORARILY!
BUT I KNOW THIS COUNTRY LIKE THE PALM OF MY HAND!
I'LL FIND
EXCEPT A FEW STORES... / AND A BANK!
RUN-IN WITH THAT
ENCOURAGED
AROUND, AND I
TROUBLE WITH
SLOWER!
FRONTIER...
ONE, LUKE! EVERYBODY
CRIME!
TAKE GOOD CARE OF THIS CASH, HARRY!
HOWDY GENTS
DON'T BOTHER TO ROLL OUT THE WELCOME MAT FOR ME! JUST HAND OVER THAT MONEY AND I'LL BE ON MY WAY!
ARE YOU KIDDIN'? WE GOT YOU OUTNUMBERED!

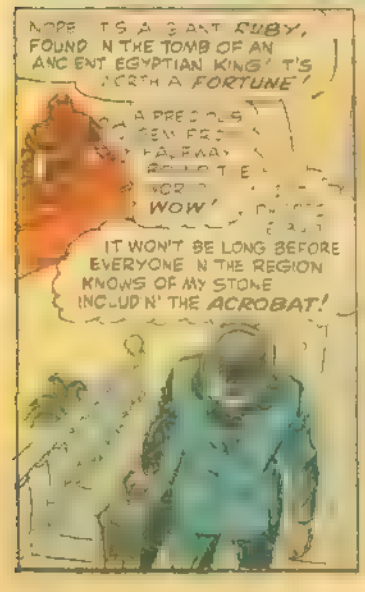
YOU JOKERS TALK A PRETTY GOOD
WHEN WE FINISH WITH YOU YOU'LL BE THE JUMPINGEST JACK IN BOOT HILL!
WHERE'D HE GO?
HUH?
THAT CHARACTER'S FASTER THAN A STREAK OF GREASED LIGHTNING!
POW!
IF I'M GONNA BUILD MYSELF A BIG REPUTATION I GOTTA DO MORE THAN
I'VE GOTTA STYLE!
AND WORDS.
YOU AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN' YET
THAT'S A PRETTY NAME YOU DREAMED
BUT WE ALREADY GOT ONE REMEMBER?
KAAK!
THIS
HOSPITABLE!
IT WAS REAL OBLIGIN' OF THE THREE OF YOU TO STAND SO CLOSE TOGETHER!
-OOOOF!-
I HIT A HUMAN SIZED RABBIT!
KA-RAK!!
WELL, I'VE WASTED ENOUGH TIME ON YOU CLOWNS!
IT'S TIME TO WIND UP THIS
CUTTA
MMEAN


FLUSHED WITH VICTORY THE ACROBAT BEGINS A RAMPAGE OF CRIME
HOPE WE DON'T RUN INTO OUTLAWS!
FRETTIN! WE'LL GET THIS GOLD SHIPMENT THROUGH
GOLD!


IT'S HIM!.. THAT BANDIT
YOU'RE A BRIGHT BOY! STAY
SLOW UP AND DON'T TRY
HE'S GOT THE DROP ON US! DO WHAT HE SAYS FRANK HE MEANS BUSINESS!

ELSEWHERE, MEANWHILE, A YOUNG FUGITIVE FORMULATES A PLAN ...
IT'S USELESS TRYING TO TRACK DOWN THE ACROBAT! HE'S ALWAYS TWO STEPS AHEAD OF ME!

ANY VALUABLES FOR THE SAFE, MISTER JONES?
SON, WHAT I'M CARRYING IS TOO VALUABLE TO ENTRUST TO SOME ONE-HORSE-TOWN SAFE.
OH? MUST BE A REAL BUNDLE, EH.. OR MEBBE GOLD?


NOPE, IT'S A GIANT RUBY, FOUND IN THE TOMB OF AN ANCIENT EGYPTIAN KING! IT'S WORTH A FORTUNE!
WOW!
IT WON'T BE LONG BEFORE EVERYONE IN THE REGION KNOWS OF MY STONE INCLUDIN' THE ACROBAT!

BUT THERE'S YET ANOTHER WHO PERSUES RELENTLESSLY..
A YOUNG FELLA WHO FITS THAT DESCRIPTION PASSED THROUGH A FEW DAYS AGO! HE BOUGHT SOME CITY DUDS!
IF HE THINKS A CHEAP DISGUISE CAN THROW ME OFF THE TRAIL, HE'S IN FOR A SURPRISE!
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THERE'S THE RUBY, EIGHT PUT IN THE OPEN!
IT'S LIKE TAKING CANDY FROM A BABY!
BUT THEN THE BABY ESCAPES FROM HOME
I'VE BEEN OUTFOXED, FRIEND THAT BABY'S A PHONY!
IT'S YOU! YOU SET THIS UP TO TRAP ME
BUT THE GUN, WHICH IS REAL... SO I CAN CLEAR MY OWN NAME
RIGHT! I'M TAKIN YOU IN SO I CAN CLEAR MY OWN NAME
THAT'S WHAT YOU THINK STRANGER! YOU CAUGHT ME AT THE START THAT HUNK OF BRASS YOU'RE RETURNING TO...
UHHH ..
WE'LL MEET AGAIN, SOMEDAY! ONLY NEXT TIME I'LL PICK THE TIME AND PLACE
MY HEAD'LL CLEAR IN A SECOND
AND THEN THE STRANGER DISAPPEARS
THERE HE GOES! BUT THIS TIME HE WON'T ESCAPE! S'HELP ME, HE WON'T!
OVER A PHONY BAH!

IN RAGE AND DESPERATION, THE KID LEAPS AFTER HIS FOE
I DON'T HAVE HIS ACROBATIC SKILL! IF I MISS HIM AND LAND ON THE GROUND INSTEAD, I'LL BREAK MY FOOL NECK!
BUT I MUST CHANCE IT! I MUST!
WHEE-EEW! RIGHT ON TARGET!
UUUHHH...
BUT THEN, THE TH... MEMBER OF OUR T... ONTO THE SCENE!
OKAY, KID... REACH FOR THE SKY!
WAIT A MINUTE, SERGEANT, AND YOU'LL LEARN THE WHOLE TRUTH.. OOOF...
NOT FROM ME, HE WON'T MISTER!
NO CHANCE OF DEFEATING THEM BOTH OUT HERE IN THE OPEN! I'VE GOT TO HIDE!
THAT MASKED MAN! WHO IS HE?
HE'S THE ONE I TOLD YOU ABOUT ..THE HOMBRE WHO STOLE THE PAYROLL! THE ACROBAT!
BUT I DON'T EXPECT TO BE BELIEVED ANY MORE NOW THAN I WAS BEFORE! SO I'M GONNA GET YOU A GEN-U-INE CONFESSION, SERGEANT!
Y'HEAR, ACROBAT? YOU'RE GONNA SPILL THE BEANS FROM BEGINNING TO END!
...E'S GAINING! I CAN'T LOSE HIM!
AND THEN THE DESPERATE ACROBAT PLAYS THE ONLY GAMBIT LEFT TO HIM...
OKAY, SONNY!.. I'M THROUGH RUNNIN'! YOU WANT TO TANGLE, WE'LL TANGLE!
ONLY THIS TIME IT'S FOR KEEPS! GO FOR YOUR GUN!!
MISTER YOU JUST MADE THE BIGGEST MISTAKE OF YOUR LIFE. SLAP LEATHER!

BUT, AS THE ACROBAT WHIPS OUT HIS WEAPON, THE RAWHIDE KID JUST REMAINS MOTIONLESS, ALLOWING HIS ENEMY TO CLEAR THE HOLSTER...
YOU'RE NOT MOVING! YOU'RE PARALYZED WITH FEAR!
DON'T BET ON IT, PAL! I'M JUST GIVIN' YOU AN EDGE, BECAUSE I'VE A MIGHTY FAST DRAW!
NOTHIN' FANCY, MIND YOU! JUST FAST AND ACCURATE...
...LIKE THIS!!
KA-POW!
UUUHHH..
LOUD AND CLEAR... FROM BEGINNING TO END!
OKAY, I KNOW WHEN I'M LICKED! I'LL TALK!
IS COMPLETED...
LEARNED THAT
YOU'RE FREE NOW, KID! WILL YOU BE
NO MATTER WHERE HE GOES, NO
MINE EVER TRULY FREE.
FOR A TROUBLED TRAIL ANYWAY, I'M RETURNING TO MY OWN LAND!
AND A NEW LIFE
ADIOS
BUT, FOR THE RAWHIDE KID, SALVATION IS A LONG WAY OFF! UNTIL THEN HIS NIGHTS WILL BE DARK AND DANGEROUS! FOR SUCH IS HIS FATE..THE FATE OF A FUGITIVE!
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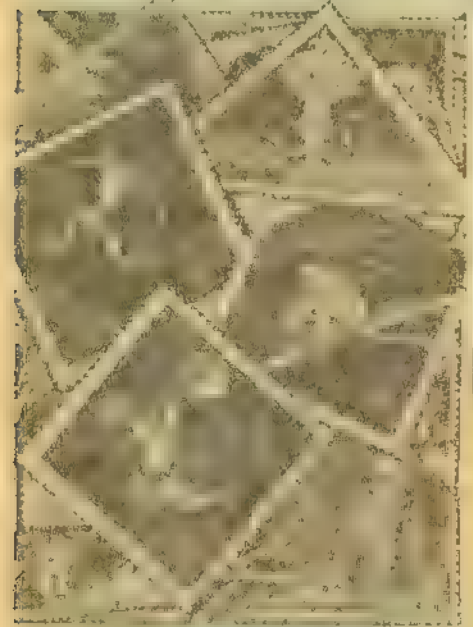

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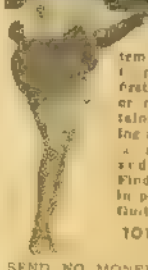

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BULLETIN! Talk about a blast! We just had a visit from Peter Asher of the famous British singing team of Peter and Gordon. Pete is as nice a guy as you'll ever want a meet, and his Beatle-cut head of flaming red hair is just the coolest! Believe it or not, he is opening a book store in jolly old London and wants to sell our Marvel masterpieces — as well as the works of Shakespeare, Sartre, Salinger and other equally well-known literary lights. Naturally we were pleased and flattered and gave our permish. By the way, Pete told us that the Beatles themselves who are friends of his are also Merry Marvel fans — which came as no surprise to us. After all, isn't EVERYBODY?

BULLETIN! Most of you know by now that one of our most popular makers, Fearless [illegible] really Frank Giacoia who used to draw the newspaper strip, "Billy Yank and Johnny Reb". Together with Jazzy Johnny Romita, Frankie is helping to lift DAREDEVIL to greater heights of glory than ever, and we're pleased as punch that he's allowing us to sign his rightful name in the credit lines. And how about the job ol' Ring-A-Ding Romita is doing on your friendly neighborhood SPIDER-MAN, aided by the brilliant delineation of mighty Mickey Demeo? Who SAYS this isn't the Marvel Age of titanic talent?

BULLETIN! Here it is — what you've been waiting for! Our first advance info on the [illegible] Annuals we'll be publishing this summer. Although our plans are still subject to change, it looks as though we'll be featuring six terrific titles for you, with two going on sale in June, two in July, and the final two in August. The six mags are: MILLIE THE MODEL ANNUAL (we know that's gonna break all you super-hero fans up!) and SGT. FURY — both on sale in June. Then the mighty THOR and MARVEL SUPER HEROES — on sale in July. Followed by the FANTASTIC FOUR and SPIDER-MAN — on sale in August. We can hear you muttering now, "MARVEL SUPER HEROES? What in the name of Aunt Petunia's THAT?" Well, you know how we love surprises, so just consider it our big surprise for '66, and we'll tell you more about it next ish! Okay?

BULLETIN! You know how we're always saying that Marvel is gonna take over the world? Well, it looks as though our nutty little boast has more truth than poetry in it. This past month alone, more than a hundred newspapers from coast to coast have written feature articles about our lively line of mags — papers such as the N.Y. HERALD TRIBUNE, the CHICAGO DAILY NEWS, the AKRON BEACON JOURNAL, the TOPEKA STATE JOURNAL, the CLEVELAND PRESS, the ALTOONA MIRROR, the MILWAUKEE JOURNAL, the BECKLEY POST-HERALD AND REGISTER, RADIO TELEVISION DAILY, the N.Y. POST and dozens and dozens more! To all of these great pub-lications, our heartfelt thanks — and to such radio and TV personalities as Tom Dunn of CBS News, and CBS Radio Network's Mike Wallace, our thanks also for interviewing Smilin' Stan over the airwaves! We just hope our fearless leader doesn't start wearing a beret and sun-glasses around the office — although it might be a welcome change from seeing him in a Marvel sweat shirt all day long!

BULLETIN! Remember last ish when we asked if you wanted us to continue rapping Brand Echh on the knuckles for swiping everything in our mags except the copyright? Well, all the mail isn't in yet, but while we're waiting for your verdict, we thought we'd quote this little verse which Rascally Roy Thomas brought to our attention — it's by William Butler Yeats, and was written half a century ago — although it might have been written today! Here 'tis.

> 'To a Poet Who Would Have Me Praise Certain Bad Poets, Imitators of His and Mine
>
> You say, as I have often given tongue
> In praise of what another's said or sung
> 'Twere politic to do the like by these
> But how was there ever dog that praised his fleas?'

We somehow feel that Willie Yeats said it a lot better than we could have.

BULLETIN! Just in case a few of you lively literature lovers haven't latched onto them, those diminutive but dazzling "mini-books" we mentioned last month are still [illegible] zooming from coast to coast. They're a gas!

THE WRAP-UP! We recently received another letter on a still different subject which we felt might be of general interest to frantic ones everywhere, so here goes:

> Dear Stan
>
> Marvel's high standard of artwork is slowly going down the drain. You most likely figure since you're so popular that you can afford to hire new artists to lessen the strain on your old artists. The trouble is that only very few of these new artists have come up to standards expected of Marvel. What's wrong with Kirby, your best? Now he only draws two comics completely and helps out on a couple of others. He probably could easily do another mag or two. I still buy all your titles but I hope you'll bring them back up to your old standards. Long live Marvel! Your avid fan,
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> 4900 Chalgrove Ave.
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You're better at letter-writing than addition, Jay. King Kirby actually draws three entire strips each month — the F.F., Thor, and Captain America and, of course, he does the layouts on the Hulk and Agent of Shield. The jolly one also draws about two-thirds of all our adventure covers! We don't know of an artist in the business who turns out as much masterful work as Marvel's Prince of the Pencil — and we think too much of him to load him down with more work than anybody should have to handle! As for our newer artists, we're mighty happy with them, and judging by the majority of our fan mail, so are most of you. We don't hire new artists because of competency, Jay — rather, it's the other way around. We do it because we feel that change and growth are important elements of the creative process, and we never want to get in a rut if we can help it. We think it's great to add new artists to our lineup, then to watch them blossom into Marvel madmen before our very eyes each month. And, as ever, we earnestly hope you agree with us. 'Nuff said.

THE MIGHTY MARVEL CHECKLIST

A Line-Up Of Some Of The Marvel-ous Mags On Sale Right Now!

FANTASTIC FOUR #53: The Origin of the Black Panther! A tale you'll never forget!

SPIDER-MAN #39: The Green Goblin discovers Spidey's identity — and you'll discover Gobby's!

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STRANGE TALES #147: Shield's HQ attacked by 'Them'! And the start of a new series for Dr. Strange!

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Let's meet 36 more MMMS members:

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SCRIPT.....STAN LEE
ART.....SOL BROOSKY
LETTERING..ART SIMEK
AN YOU TELL ME WHERE I AN FIND THE PUBLIC SCHOOL?
SURE IT'S O ER YONDER!
HEY LOOK! THE NEW SCHOOLMASTAM IS A MAN!
HOW CAN YA TELL WHAT IZZIT ANT WEAR N' ANY GUNS!
ANOTHER CLASSIC*
RE-TOLD BY MIGHTY MARVEL
*FROM KID COLT NO.111
HA HA HA TH HAW HAW HAW!
HAW, YOU'RE A REAL CARD, SHAGGY!
YEAH BUT WHEN SHAGGY STOPS LAUGHIN', LOOK OUT! HE'S A BORN TIGER!
YO DID THAT ON PURPOSE!

...DON'T BE AWAY WITH THAT!! WHERE'S THE SHERIFF? I'LL REGISTER A COMPLAINT!
THE SHERIFF??

HE WANTS TO KNOW WHERE THE SHERIFF IS!! HAW HAW HAW!
MAN, THAT'S THE FUNNIEST THING I EVER HEARD!

I'M THE SHERIFF, MISTER! SHERIFF SHAGGY SHELTON! AND WHAT ABOUT IT?
YOU?? THE SHERIFF?

YOU'RE A DISGRACE TO THAT JOB! I'LL HAVE MORE TO SAY TO YOU LATER!
SURE... AFTER YOU GET THE MUD OFF! I'LL BE PLUMB TREMBLIN' IN FEAR TILL THEN! HAW HAW HAW!

...MINUTES LATER AT THE LONE SCHOOL HOUSE IN ROUGHSHOD...
YOU'RE THE NEW SCHOOLMA'ARM? I-I THOUGHT THEY WERE SENDING A GIRL!
I HOPE YOU'RE NOT DISAPPOINTED, MA'AM! I HAVE A TEACHER'S LICENSE...

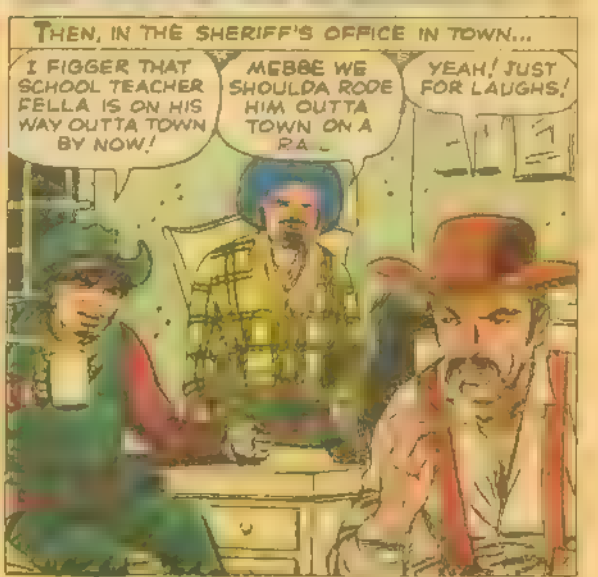
WHAT ON EARTH HAPPENED TO YOU?? YOU'RE COVERED WITH MUD!
IT SEEMS THAT YOUR SHERIFF HAS A VERY PRIMITIVE SENSE OF HUMOR!

OH YOU MET SHAGGY? WHEN OUR LAST SHERIFF RESIGNED, SHAGGY SIMPLY APPOINTED HIMSELF LAWMAN, AND NO ONE'S HAD THE COURAGE TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT!

THE NEXT DAY
WHERE ARE THE PUPILS, MISS McGUIRE?
I HE[illegible] THEY WEREN'T COMIN[illegible] TOLD THEM ALL TO STAY AWAY BECAUSE HE DOESN'T LIKE MEN TEACHERS

I-I'M SORRY! I GUESS YOU'LL HAVE TO FIND SOME OTHER TOWN TO TEACH IN IT-IT'S TOO BAD.
DON'T BE SILLY! I'M NOT LEAVING! I'LL SIMPLY HAVE TO MAKE SHAGGY CHANGE HIS MIND... IF HE HAS ONE

A FEW MINUTES LATER
IT SEEMS THE CHILDREN IN ROUGHSHOD ARE IMPRESSED BY SHAGGY BECAUSE HE'S TOUGH! WELL IT'S TIME THAT THEY LEARNED THAT THERE'S ALWAYS SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE WHO'S TOUGHER!


THEN, IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TOWN...
I FIGGER THAT SCHOOL TEACHER FELLA IS ON HIS WAY OUTTA TOWN BY NOW!
MEBBE WE SHOULDA RODE HIM OUTTA TOWN ON A RA[illegible]
YEAH! JUST FOR LAUGHS!

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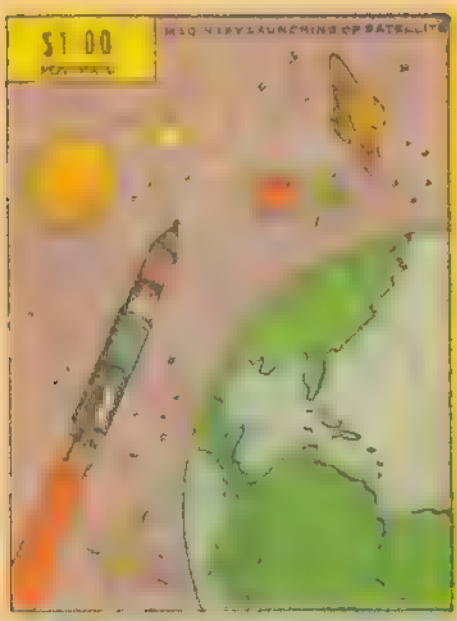

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MUH ARM!
WHERE I COME FROM, THEY USUALLY LET THE LITTLE OLD LADIES AND THE LITTLE CHILDREN HANDLE NOBODIES LIKE YOU!
MUH GUN!
MISTER, YOU JUST SPOKE YOUR LAST PIECE!
DON'T BET ON IT, SHAGGY!
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DO YOU SEE THAT??
GULP! YEAH BUT I CAN HARDLY BELIEVE IT!
NO MORE! NO MORE! PLEASE!
ANYONE EVER TELL YOU THAT YOU DRAW LIKE AN EXPERT, MISTER??
I FORGOT TO TELL YOU ONE THING, SHAGGY! I MEAN, ONLY A SCHOOL TEACHER HAS THE POWER TO GIVE ME THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE YOU INTO A SHERIFF, SO IT'S A REAL ONE THAT'S
NOW FOLLOW ME, SHAGGY! YOUR EDUCATION IS JUST STARTING! THERE'S LOTS MORE TO COME!
SURE... SURE WHATEVER YOU SAY
AND SO, SCHOOL BEGAN THAT DAY IN ROUGHSHOD AFTER ALL! AND NOT A STUDENT WAS ABSENT! IN FACT, THERE WAS ONE EXTRA PUPIL
TEACHER, WHATEVER YOU'RE TEACHIN' I'M FIXIN' TO LEARN IT! THEN MEBBE SOME DAY I CAN GET TO BE A REAL SHERIFF!
YOU CAN NEVER TELL WHAT STRANGER THINGS HAVE HAPPENED! I THINK THINGS WILL BE MIGHTY PLEASANT AROUND HERE FROM NOW ON!
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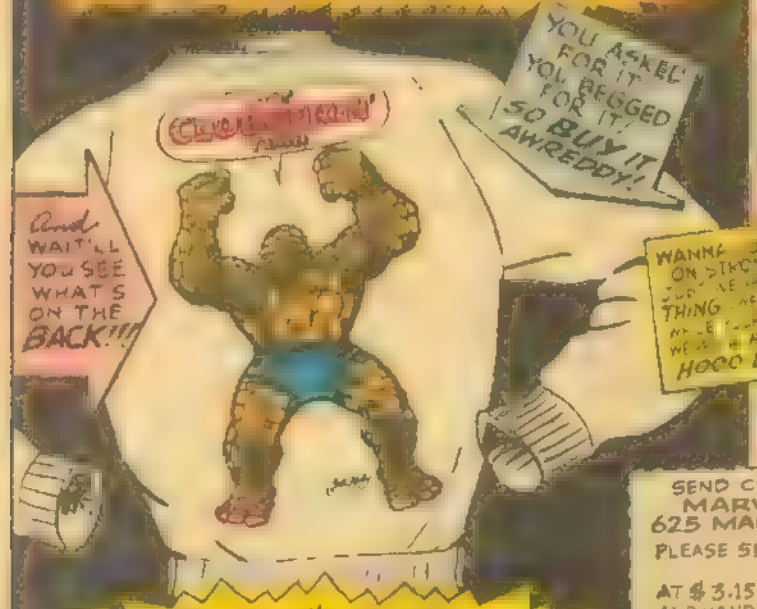
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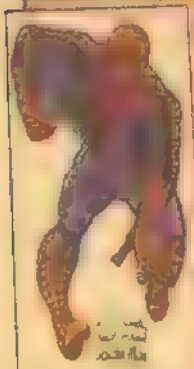

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Dear Stan and Larry,

Wow!!! I just finished RAWHIDE KID #51. Boy, was it great! How does Stan do it? Larry's artwork is superb. Say, who thought up the crazy names for the Aztecs? All your westerns are full of action — for that matter, all Marvel comics are! I think the idea of making the Kid a sheriff is terrif! Whoo! I'd hate to be a hostile hombre in *his* town. Make your comics monthly. How about putting some of your early stories of the high-shootin', ca-hootin' hombres in MARVEL COLLECTORS' ITEM CLASSICS? Well, keep 'em coming. James Atcheson, Jr., 10272 Miblic Ave. Overland 14, Mo.

Whaddaya mean, "Who thought up the crazy names for the Aztecs?" Why, Jimmy boy, if we didn't *know* better, we'd plumb think you were accusin' us of *making up* these rootin', roarin' yarns! And most everyone knows, we just tell 'em the way they happened!

Dear Stan and Larry,

I started reading and collecting all three of your western comics — THE TWO-GUN KID, KID COLT, and RAWHIDE KID — in 1964, and I'm still reading and collecting them. I enjoy reading them over several times. How about having an issue on how Rawhide Kid got his horse, Night Wind, and how Two-Gun Kid got his horse, Thunder, and Kid Colt his horse, Steel. And please keep up the good work.

Alvin L. Ohms, R.F.D. 1
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Laughin' Larry says he thinks the idea about the Kids' horses is a real good one, pard, and he'll keep it in mind!

Dear Stan and Larry,

I just finished #51 of RAWHIDE KID, and was it good! I like the way those Kids fight — they hardly ever lose. The story in the back of the book, "Bare Knuckles in Boonville", was also great! I admired the way "Gentleman Jim" handled the owlhoots. I never miss the letters page. And the art in all your books is high quality—it was very realistic in issue #51. Please do another story about Jim Corbett. Dale Neuschwander
Grygla, Minn.

It 'pears to us that you purely *love* action, hombre, and so do we! So we'll do our ringy-tailed best to keep our pages chock-full of it!

Dear Stan and Larry,

I wonder why the chief could speak English in THE RAWHIDE KID #51 — "Trapped in the Valley of Doom". How did they get so civilized if they lived in the Valley all their lives? And why didn't they have Mexican accents?

Regan L. Crump, 1320 22nd St., N.W.
Roanoke, Virginia

We'll try to answer your questions in the order asked, ranny! First, the chief told Rawhide (on page 4) that he'd learned English from white men who'd visited the Valley earlier! (There's a rumor that Sagebrush Irving Forbush led an expedition there, but we don't believe it!) Secondly, the Aztec civilization was one of the greatest in history—those redskins could teach *us* a lesson or two about good livin'! And, lastly, the Aztecs didn't have *Mexican* accents 'cause they had *Aztec* accents! (Like the bad guys say, "Haw!")

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